

MinutesOctober 23, 2001

9:00 a.m.

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, October 23, 2001, the following members were present:

Gary Feland, Chairman
Jay Stovall, Vice Chairman
Bob Anderson, Commissioner
Matt Brainard, Commissioner

Commissioner Rowe was absent but left written votes with the Commission Secretary.

APPEARANCE
Dennis Crawford
Utility Division

(369) In the matter of Montana Power Company, Docket No. D2001.10.134; Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the issuance of the bonds. Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which was tabled by a vote of 4-0, and deferred to the work sessions on this same day.

APPEARANCE
Laura Calkin
Centralized Services

(370) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes; Commissioner Brainard moved to approve the Commission Minutes for the week of October 15, 2001. Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

GARY FELAND, Chairman

JAY STOVALL, Vice Chairman

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

MATT BRAINARD, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Rhonda J. Simmons
Commission Secretary
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Commissioner Rowe was absent but left written votes with the Commission Secretary on some issues.

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh, David Hoffman, Eric Eck

(371) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Montana Power Company's application seeking authority to issue up to \$150 million of secured long term debt in the form of first mortgage bonds, Docket No. N2001.10.134; Commissioner Anderson moved to approve issuance of the order. Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 4-1. Commissioners Anderson, Feland, Rowe and Stovall voted aye. Commissioner Brainard dissented.

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh, David Hoffman, Eric Eck

(372) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Montana Power Company's Tier II restructuring and sale of assets to Northwestern Corporation, Docket Nos. D97.7.90 and D2001.1.5, respectively; Commissioner Brainard moved to reject the motion and carry forward on an unexpedited basis. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 4-1. Commissioners Anderson, Brainard, Feland and Stovall voted aye. Commissioner Rowe dissented.

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh

(373) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Montana Power Company's annual avoided cost filing, Docket No. D2001.7.100; Commissioner Brainard moved to grant the motion to compel discovery with a deadline of Friday (October 26). Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh

(374) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Thompson River Co-Gen petition for PSC review and comment, Docket No. D2001.10.137; Commissioner Brainard moved to issue a protective order. Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 4-1. Commissioners Brainard, Feland, Rowe and Stovall voted aye. Commissioner Anderson dissented.

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APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson

(375) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Richard York' s complaint against Fairmont Water, Docket No. D2001.10.139; Commissioner Brainard moved to issue the notice of complaint while prohibiting disconnection of service. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh, David Hoffman, Wayne Budt, Susan Good
Kate Whitney, Laura Calkin

(376) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of request for contractor to begin employee position descriptions for complaint staff and transportation compliance specialist; Commissioner Anderson moved to instruct staff supervisors to prepare current position descriptions for each staff member, using contractors to prepare PDs for administrators. Commissioner Brainard seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh, David Hoffman, Wayne Budt, Susan Good

(377) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of employee evaluations; Commissioner Brainard moved to begin to comply with state regulations devising a bluebook policy on employee evaluations. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

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There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

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JAY STOVALL, Vice Chairman

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

MATT BRAINARD, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Rhonda J. Simmons
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

MinutesOctober 25, 2001

9:00 a.m.

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Thursday, October 25, 2001, the following members were present:

Gary Feland, Chairman
Jay Stovall, Vice Chairman
Bob Anderson, Commissioner
Matt Brainard, Commissioner, via telephone
Bob Rowe, Commissioner, via telephone

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh

(378) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Montana Power Company' s avoided cost compliance filing, Docket No. D2001.7.100; Commissioner Brainard moved to approve the draft Notice of Commission Action with additional language at the end of paragraph 2. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 4-1. Commissioners Anderson, Brainard, Feland and Stovall voted aye. Commissioner Rowe dissented.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

GARY FELAND, Chairman

JAY STOVALL, Vice Chairman

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

MATT BRAINARD, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Rhonda J. Simmons
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